

CLAIMS:

5 1. A system comprising:

an input that receives indications identifying a television program broadcast, including one or more of channel, start time, end time, date, day of the week and length;

10 video system recorder controller that provides commands to one or more of a video recorder and a tuner to record a television program according to one of the input indications;

15 an index memory for storing video tape identification and video tape index information and the identification indication for television programs recorded under control of the video system recorder controller;

20 a data receiver that receives data comprising titles, sets of television broadcast identifiers, each such set including one or more of channel, start time, end time, date, day of the week and length, and associations between a plurality of the titles and a plurality of the sets of television broadcast identifiers; and

25 wherein a title from the data receiver is stored, in the index memory, associated with the video tape identification and video tape index information and the identification indication associated with the title.

30 2. The system of claim 1 wherein the data receiver comprises a VBI decoder.

35 3. The system of claim 1 wherein the data receiver is a wireless receiver.

4. A method for indexing programs recorded by a video tape recorder comprising:

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 entering program broadcast identification information into
the system for use in recording a television program

5 when the program is recorded, storing indexing information
in an index memory;

 monitoring a broadcast channel for electronic program
guide information that includes titles and one or more channel,
date, day of the week, start time, end time and length for the
10 titles;

 matching the one or more of the channel, date day or week,
start time end time and length information from the broadcast
channel with the identification information entered for the
program to be recorded; and

15 associating the title associated with the one or more of
the channel, date day or week, start time end time and length
information with the indexing information for the program.

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